

Things Your School Can Do To Acknowledge Earth Day on April 22nd

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1. Ban Disposable Plastic Water Bottles from Your Campus on Earth Day

- a. Show the YouTube video *The Water Bottle Problem* at your next school gathering
- b. Check out this website: <http://www.sierraclubgreenhome.com/go-green/water-bottles/safe-and-healthy-water-bottles-and-other-plastic-containers/>

2. Host a Fossil Fuel Energy Fast

- a. Ask people to walk or bike to school/ organize carpools
- b. Turn off lights
- c. Turn off as many computers as possible

3. Host a Seedling Swap

- a. Encourage people to dig up unwanted tree seedlings, which sprout in their gardens and lawns and bring them to the school parking lot. Give away the collected trees on Earth Day. Have others take them home and plant the trees.

4. Eat Local

- a. Replace your usual salad greens with those from the farmers market
- b. Try to incorporate as much local ingredients into your school lunch as possible on Earth Day
- c. Host a discussion on why eating local is important
 - i. Visit this website:
http://www.lifebeginsat30.com/elc/2006/04/10_reasons_to_e.html
- d. Start a cooking/gardening club that only cooks seasonal produce

5. Athletes for Earth

- a. Emphasize the importance of protecting the environment for Athletes
- b. Show the YouTube video of Olympic Athletes discussing why they want to protect the Earth- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zBKLLo2gQwk>
- c. Check out the website: <http://www.earthday.org/campaigns/athletes-earth-campaign>